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SUBJECT: ATOMIC ENERGY: PHYSICAL SECURITY DISCUSSIONS

1. ERDA PROPOSING SENDING TEAM TO DISCUSS WITH APPROPRIATE NATIONAL OFFICIALS AND CONDUCT ON-SITE VISITS PURSUANT TO US POLICY RE PHYSICAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT. POLICY NOW THAT NO COMMITMENT OR CONTRACT PERMITTING OVERSEAS SUPPLY OR RETRANSFERS OF GREATER THAN FIVE KILOGRAMS OF U-235 IN URANIUM ENRICHED TO GREATER THAN 20 PERCENT AND/OR TWO KILOGRAMS OF PLUTONIUM OR U-233 COULD BE CONCLUDED UNLESS THE RECIPIENT NATION HAS ADEQUATE PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES IN EFFECT.

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2. LETTERS WERE SENT TO WASHINGTON EMBASSIES OF SUBJECT COUNTRIES IN NOVEMBER 1974 AND JANUARY 1975 APPRISING THEM OF THE NEW US POLICY AND TRANSMITTING TO EACH COPIES OF US STANDARDS. US POLICY IS THAT COMPARABLE MEASURES TO THOSE EMPLOYED IN THE US SHOULD BE IN EFFECT IN A COUNTRY TO MEET THE THREAT (FROM SUBNATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS) BUT, BECAUSE OF DIFFERING LAWS, CUSTOMS AND CULTURES, A POINT-BY-POINT COMPARISON WITH US STANDARDS WOULD NOT BE THE MEANS FOR ASSESSING ADEQUACY. COMPENSATING FEATURES, SUCH AS LARGE NUMBER OF TRAINED ARMED GUARDS OR ACTIVE, WELL-COORDINATED RESPONSE FORCES, FOR INSTANCE, WOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN MAKING ASSESSMENT.

3. DISCUSSIONS AND VISITS ARE TO FURTHER BILATERAL UNDERSTANDINGS OF ADEQUATE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF INITIATING CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN US EXPERTS AND THEIR FOREIGN COUNTERPARTS. INVITATIONS WILL BE EXTENDED BY THE TEAM FOR THE FOREIGN EXPERTS TO HOLD FURTHER TALKS IN THE US WITH ERDA AND LABORATORIES CONDUCTING R&D WORK IN THIS AREA.

4. PROPOSED TEAM ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: BRIEFING EMBASSY STAFF AND AMBASSADOR RE POLICY BACKGROUND AND TEAM OBJECTIVES: MEETING WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RE COUNTRY'S LAWS AND REGULATIONS RE PHYSICAL SECURITY OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AT FIXED SITES AND IN TRANSIT: AND ON-SITE VISITS TO SPECIFIC FACILITIES AND OTHER IF EMBASSY OR GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL DEEM APPROPRIATE. TEAM DESIRES THAT VISIT BE CONDUCTED IN ORDER OF THE ABOVE.

5. LATER MESSAGES WILL IDENTIFY ALL TEAM MEMBERS AND SUGGEST DETAILED ITINERARY. TEAM EXPECTED TO BE COMPOSED OF A. GIAMBUSSO, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, JAMES G. POOR, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS AND STAFF REPRESENTATIVES OF DIVISION OF SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE IS ALSO EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY TEAM. NRC IS INDEPENDENT REGULATORY AGENCY CREATED BY THE 1974 ENERGY REORGANIZATION ACT. NRC REPRESENTATIVE WILL PARTICIPATE IN TRIP AS OBSERVER IN ORDER TO IMPROVE NRC UNDERSTANDING OF METHODOLOGY EMPLOYED IN PHYSICAL SECURITY REVIEWS.

6. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE PROPOSED FOR TEAM ACTIVITIES:
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MAY 23 ARRIVE BUENOS AIRES

MAY 24 A.M. DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY

MAY 24 P.M. DISCUSSIONS WITH CNEA

MAY 25 VISIT "EZEIZA" CENTER, RA-3 REACTOR

MAY 26 VISIT ATUCHA REACTOR

MAY 27 ARRIVE BRASILIA

MAY 28 A.M. DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY

MAY 28 P.M. DISCUSSIONS WITH CNEN

MAY 31 VISIT RADIOACTIVE RESEARCH INSTITUTE
BELO HORIZONTE - IPR-R1 REACTOR

JUNE 1 VISIT NUCLEAR ENGINEERING INSTITUTE RIO,
IEN-R1 ARGONAUT REACTOR

JUNE 2 VISIT ANGRA 1 POWER REACTOR

JUNE 3 VISIT ATOMIC ENERGY INSTITUTE
SAN PAULO IEA-R1 REACTOR

JUNE 4 ARRIVE LIMA

JUNE 7 A.M. DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY

P.M. DISCUSSION WITH PERUNIAN AUTHORITIES AND VISIT
REACTOR SITE (REF VIENNA 1244)

7. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE SOONEST FEASIBILITY AND
ACCEPTABILITY SCHEDULE AND VISITS AND TO ARRANGE FOR DISCUSSIONS
WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT THE DECISION-MAKING LEVEL
RE REGULATIONS AND DETERMINING GOVERNMENT PHYSICAL SECURITY
PROGRAM. TEAM WELCOMES EMBASSY PARTICIPATION ALL DISCUSSIONS AND
ON-SITE VISITS. PLEASE ADVISE DESIGNATED EMBASSY CONTROL
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8. SINCE DISCUSSIONS MAY INCLUDE SENSITIVE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
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